



CITY OF RIDGECREST

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MEETING OF THE CITY OF RIDGECREST INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE 1ST FLOOR CITY COUNCIL CONFERENCE ROOM AREA B Wednesday July 11, 2012 at 5:00 pm

Committee Members: Chairman Jerry Taylor, Council Member Steven Morgan
Planning Commissioner Craig Porter
Planning Commissioner James Sanders
Recording Secretary: Karen Harker
Staff: Dennis Speer, Loren Culp

Draft Minutes

1. CALL TO ORDER: Meeting was called to order at 5:07
2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Chairman Taylor asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Planning Commissioner James Sanders made the motion, seconded by Councilman Steven Morgan. The Agenda was then approved as submitted.
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Chairman Taylor asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Planning Commission James Sanders made the motion, seconded by Councilman Steven Morgan. The Minutes were then approved as submitted.
4. PUBLIC COMMENTS OF ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA
5. DISCUSSION ITEMS:
 - A. Projects for Highway Safety Improvement Projects (HSIP) Grant
Loren Culp we are wrapping up our HSIP Grant prioritization
Bowman China Lake - signalization
Drummond - widening between Downs and Inyo/Mahan
We will be looking at areas that will be doing restriping, flashing beacons, new stop signs, and other safety features. Benefit cost ratio is the number of accidents.
 - B. Old Evergreen Facility on Ridgecrest Boulevard
Loren Culp – No comment - taken care of.
Public Comment: Dave Matthews what is this about.
Mr. Rouland had a handicap issue that he was able to work out with our City Engineer.
 - C. Status Review/Progress Lawyer's Review of Municipal Code
Mr. Speer contacted the City attorney and received no response. Contacted City Manager and asked about the availability of the attorney and he stated that they are in trial and we will not be hearing from them for at least 1 month. Councilman Morgan asked to bring this back and find out what it would be to codify the code. Economic Development Committee wanted to make it a little more development friendly. Gary Parsons wanted to let the committee know that we lost a tool, the RDA money so that we need to find money so that we can bring development into the City. Examples: 1) Business Park 2) Removal of Pole on Downs Street

Could take a look at the master drainage plan to see if the plan is still makes sense for the population vs housing. Dennis Speer wanted to remind the committee that the City Manager has tasked the City Attorney to make sure that the City Code is within regulations with State Law. Discussed how we can off – set costs to developers as they come into the City. We will look at what our two options are when can the City Attorney gets to us and when will he get it done.

Public Comments:

Carol Vaughn what does an attorney know about the code. First find someone who has a proper code and pass it to the public works and then attorney.

Councilman Morgan - Review, Confirm and Consent

D. List of Projects for FY 13 and other 4 Years for the Measure L Funds

Dennis Speer discussed the intent of what Willdan did in the Pavement Management System. Mr. Speer presented a list for 3 years. Discussed the PCI numbers and how they can be misleading. Mr. Taylor is asking if Mr. Speer feels that based on his engineering experience he can use his expertise and get a longer life period on the road if he uses alternative method of micro paving and chip sealing. Discussed the processes of cape sealing and micro paving.

Public Comment:

Dave Matthews – where does Richmond Rd come on the list. It is on the 2nd year. Mr. Morgan would like to have drainage issue addressed before this road is done or else you will just have a road that gets deteriorated again.

Chairman Taylor - Please have a map that has three different colors for the three years that identifies the roads that will be done.

Don McKernan - When will Ridgecrest Blvd be started 13/14. When is Bowman Rd. getting started. That should be getting started in the next few weeks.

Chairman Taylor – I would still like to see a five year plan even though we do a new PMS at three years. The public would like to know that their streets will eventually get worked on or repaved.

E. Update on Real Estate Agreement with Navy for the Wastewater Expansion Project

Dennis Speer gave a brief background. For a bond we needed more than a letter of intent we needed a 50 year lease. Mr. Fox stated that the letter of intent from NCIC will be a lease. What they are suggesting right now is going through the process of getting a 50 year lease and easement due to the face that you have financing 2-3 years down the road. It will take 1-2 years for a navy lease to be acquired. It will take a congressional notification. We may have time if we start now. We need a letter of request from the City to so that the navy can get the process started. to put together a tasking action. Loren Culp asked that usually easements don't have time limits. Mr. Fox indicated that he always had utility easements that have a 50 year lease. We have until 2015 to spend the money and this is from McCarthy Office. Speer I need to be working with Tim Fox to move this forward. Chairman Taylor can it be shorter than two years? Mr. Fox it could be 1 ½ years. Steven Morgan – I would like a mile stone calendar so that we don't fall behind. Mr. Fox thought it would be great if the City provided this sort of documentation with their letter so that

the Navy know what timelines they need to meet. Mr. Taylor discussed the environmental document and that we should be moving forward with this since we know that we are having the facility on the base. If we need to take this to Council to get it approved then Mr. Speer should do that. Mr. Speer is concerned that we move forward with a environmental document on a site that we don't have a easement to or any formal documentation on.

F. Update on the Sewer Lines Inspections

By October 2012 you will have a study that shows the lines in various places.

Public Comment

Don McKernan – Utility changes on Ridgecrest Blvd. Ridgecrest Blvd. has utilities that are in pretty good shape. We would have to take a look at the plans to see exactly what is outlined

G. Informational Items from the City Engineer

Capital Improvements –

Bowman Asphalts – contracts - approve

Downs – Contracts

Bike Rest Stations – Notice To Proceed – Monday 16th materials with 23rd & 24th

Drummond – Contracts

Bowman – Underground service alerts – have stakes alignments Griffith

Company is doing the paving – phasing project

Leroy Jackson Park – Street Markout – Cooley Construction – sewer tie-in at Argus

Private –

Digital 395 – Plan check fee attorney working on Agreement

Walmart Project – what we might do because of their concern to cost

Senior Apt Complex – Cost to relocate pole – transmission line

Chairman Taylor - We need to be asking Charter School to move poles

Public Comment

Dave Matthews – this was suppose to be done along ago with this and we need to start applying pressure to SCE to get it done.

6. DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS

Eastern Corridor Transportation – money flowing for 14 and 395 found different funding for 58 for Hinkley and Kramer JCT. Project will start in 2017.

Crossroads Software– installed traffic reporting – allows for us for traffic analysis

Mr. Morgan – getting traffic counts in the community

Speer – staffing issue

7. COMMITTEE'S COMMENTS

8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Status Review/Progress Lawyer's Review of Municipal Code

Update on Real Estate Agreement with Navy

Sewer Lines Inspections – Visual

Ridgecrest Blvd – Utility effective modification

Pavement Management System - Map with color of 3 years

9. ADJOURNMENT: Meeting was adjourned at 6:37 pm